GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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PANCHAYATS IN BACKWARD AREAS
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of villages especially in backward areas where there are no elected Panchayats as on date;

(b) whether the report of the Tenth Finance Commission had envisaged that the funds meant for Panchayati Raj development would be provided to the elected Panchayats only;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the ongoing or pending development schemes under backward regions development scheme in each State in the country, particularly in Rajasthan?

Answer

MINISTRY OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): There are about 2.32 lakh Gram Panchayats all over India including backward areas, except for the areas which fall under the 6th Schedule of the Constitution and certain other areas specifically exempted under the provision of Part IX such as the Darjeeling Gorkha Hills area. Generally each Gram Panchayat area comprises one or more villages or hamlets or habitations. All Gram Panchayats in the States/UTs designated under Part IX of the Constitution have elected representatives except of Jharkhand where the Panchayat elections have not been held owing to pending litigation before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(b) & (c): The report of the Tenth Finance Commission had envisaged that the funds meant for Panchayati Raj development would be provided to the elected Panchayats. However, these funds could also be released even to those States/areas, which are not required to have Panchayats under Part IX of the Constitution, to supplement the resources of local level representative bodies.

(d): The Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme covers 250 districts across 27 States. The existing Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY) has been subsumed into BRGF. According to the extant policy, all the 147 districts included in RSVY must receive their total entitlement of Rs. 45 crore each under the earlier RSVY programme before they shift to the BRGF mode of funding. The objective of the RSVY scheme was to address the problems of low agricultural productivity and unemployment as also to fill critical gaps in physical and social infrastructure. 45 districts have received their full entitlements and the schemes are under various stages of implementation in the rest of the districts. Details of release of funds to RSVY districts under BRGF are at Annexe-I. Details of release of funds under capacity building and untied developmental grants components of BRGF are at Annexe-II.

An illustrative list of schemes taken up under RSVY would include a large variety of works such as Anganwadi centres, primary health centres, veterinary health centres, irrigation structures, school buildings, roads, culverts, bridges, fish ponds, rural market sheds, income generation schemes, etc. under various sectors.

As regards Rajasthan, the districts of Banswara, Dungarpur and Jhalawar which were covered under the RSVY, have received their total allocations of Rs. 45 crore each under RSVY. It has been reported that a large number of works such as recharging structures, check dams, godowns, village link roads, Anganwadi centres, fishery projects, milk collection centres, e-mitra centres, etc. have been completed. Under the Backward Regions Grant Fund Programme, Rs. 75 crore has been released during 2007-08 as developmental grants to 11 districts of Rajasthan.

Annexure-I

Details of funds released to RSVY districts under BRGF

Annexe as referred to in part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred question No.2211 for 29.8.2007.

State/District	No. of RSVY dist-ricts	Total Amount relea-sed 2003-04 to 05-	Amount releas-ed 2006-07	Total relea-sed fund by Govts.	Percen-tage of the total released	Balance to be released Expdr. Reported	Cumul-ative

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Haryana	1	45	22.50	22.5	45.00	100.00	0.00	34.53
Madhya Pradesh	10	450	315.00	135.00	450.00	100.00	0.00	348.83
Manipur	1	45	30.00	15.00	45.00	100.00	0.00	35.68
Nagaland	1	45	22.50	22.50	45.00	100.00	0.00	37.50
Rajasthan	3	135	120.00	15.00	135.00	100.00	0.00	104.99
Tamil Nadu	5	225	172.50	30.00	202.50	90.00	22.50	153.67
Chhattisgarh	8	360	187.50	127.5	337.50	93.75	22.50	208.67
Jharkhand	16	720	300.00	315.00	637.50	88.54	82.50	451.12
Himachal Pradesh	2	90	45.00	30	90.00	100.00	0.00	55.41
Sikkim	1	45	15.00	22.5	45.00	100.00	0.00	32.69
Kerala	2	90	52.50	15.00	67.50	75.00	22.50	49.10
Uttar Pradesh	21	945	427.50	300.00	802.50	84.92	142.50	506.80
Mizoram	1	45	15.00	15.00	37.50	83.33	7.50	20.70
Punjab	1	45	15.00	15.00	30.00	66.67	15.00	16.31
Tripura	1	45	22.50	15.00	37.50	83.33	7.50	20.87
Orissa	5	225	97.50	45.00	165.00	73.33	60.00	115.80
Uttarakhand	3	135	45.00	37.50	90.00	66.67	45.00	43.74
Maharashtra	9	405	142.50	90.00	240.00	59.26	165.00	145.88
Bihar	21	945	292.50	232.5	555.00	58.73	390.00	398.22

Annexe-II

Annexe as referred to in part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2211 for 29.8.2007

Release of funds under capacity building and untied developmental grants components of BRGF.

	CAPACITY BUILDING FUND		DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT	
Sl.No. State	Amount released in 2006-07 (Rs. in crore)	Amount released in 2007-08 (Rs. in crore)	Amount released in 2006-07 (Rs. in crore)	Amount released in 2007-08 (Rs. in crore)
1. Andhra Pradesh	13	0	0	0
2. Arunachal Pradesh	0.5	0	0	0
3. Assam	9.122	0	0	35
4. Bihar	14.45876	0	0	0
5. Chhattisgarh	9.1	0	0	21
6. Gujarat	0	0	0	0
7. Haryana	0	0	0	0
8. Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0
9. Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0	0
10. Jharkhand	0	0	0	0
11. Karnataka	0	5	0	7.5
12. Kerala	0	2	0	9.25
13. Madhya Pradesh	14.9597	0	20.0451	0
14. Maharashtra	6.19	0	0	0
15. Manipur	0	0	0	0
16. Meghalaya		0	0	
17. Mizoram	0	0	0	0
18. Nagaland	0	0	0	0

19. Orissa 0 0 0 37

20. Punjab 0 0 0 0

21. Rajasthan 7.78707 0 0 75

22. Sikkim 0.9492 0 0 0

23. Tamil Nadu 0 0 0 0

24. Tripura 0 0 0 0

25. Uttar Pradesh 0 25.3 0 0

26. Uttarakhand 0 0 0 0

27. West Bengal 10.5 0 0 30

TOTAL 86.56673 32.3 20.0451 214.75